

**GLASTONBURY TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2015**

The Glastonbury Town Council with Town Manager, Richard J. Johnson, in attendance, held a Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Council Chambers of Town Hall, 2155 Main Street, Glastonbury, Connecticut.

**1. Roll Call**

***Council Members***

Dr. Stewart Beckett III, Chairman  
Mr. Whit C. Osgood, Vice Chairman  
Mrs. Jill Barry  
Ms. Karen Boisvert  
Mr. Lawrence J. Byar  
Mr. Kurt P. Cavanaugh  
Mr. William T. Finn  
Mr. Thomas P. Gullotta  
Mrs. Cara (Tonucci) Keefe

**(a) Pledge of Allegiance**

***Led by Master Emmett Barry***

**2. Public Comment.**

**(a) Presentation by Hebron Avenue Robotics Club.**

Mrs. Barry introduced the club said that they started with a box of Legos and built a robot to do 12 tasks. She added that they are a rookie team and have done fantastic! The children on the team took turns explaining that they were given a problem to solve involving trash and decided to build a self-guided robot that would clean trash out of storm drains powered by water with solar back-up.

***Mr. Roger Emerick of 580 Hopewell Road*** said that he offered a settlement on the trial for the storm water nuisance. He said that win or lose, it was the only area with the highest rating and he may put a restrictive covenant on it so there can never be public access. He said that they can go on with the case, it wouldn't hurt him but may hurt the town.

**3. Special Reports.**

**(a) Cellco Partnership d/b/a/ Verizon Wireless – Utility Pole Small Cell Project.**

Mr. Richard Smith of Robinson & Cole represented Cellco and noted that there has been a shift from voice to data impacting capacity and connectivity. He noted the Glastonbury applications

before PURA. He explained there are top and side pole mount units and that there are no RF energy issues for residents. He said that they notice to 140' of pole position but are happy to get information to any residents that inquire. He noted that there is a 30 day comment period. Mr. Finn questioned how this is different from a new cell tower. Mr. Smith said these can be used to meet higher demand in smaller footprint without putting up a new cell tower. Mr. Finn questioned if it is more about enhancing existing coverage instead of expanding it to which Mr. Smith agreed.

Ms. Boisvert asked how they select pole locations. Mr. Smith said that engineers review the system and available poles. Ms. Boisvert asked if the basket attached is equivalent to what is on a tower. Mr. Mark Brown of Verizon said that it is one antenna versus 12 on a tower but serves the same function. Ms. Boisvert asked about noise and Mr. Brown said that there is no noise. Mr. Finn asked if they can still get information after the 30 days. Mr. Smith said that a report is put together for PURA but speculated that they would still get info received late to PURA. Mr. Gullotta asked where they were in the process. Mr. Smith said that they are beyond the 30 days for some but two others are about to be noticed.

Mr. Gullotta emphasized that they want their residents to know what's happening and have input. Chairman Beckett noted there were tower applications in South Glastonbury that weren't well received and asked about when they would use these over towers. Mr. Brown said that the use of these in South Glastonbury would compromise Route 17. Mrs. Barry asked if they benefit Verizon or all carriers but Mr. Brown said only Verizon. Vice Chairman Osgood questioned the RF level versus a tower. Mr. Brown said that the further away the pole is, the louder the RF. Ms. Boisvert asked if other carriers could tap into it. Mr. Brown replied saying that some other carriers have roaming agreements with Verizon but that would be the only way.

**4. Old Business.**

*None*

**5. New Business.**

**(a) Action on Development Agreement between the Town and Glastonbury Developers (The Mews) for funding of intersection improvements – Hebron Avenue and House Street.**

Mr. Johnson explained that this agreement codifies the developer's donation toward the construction of the roundabout at the intersection. Mr. Byar asked if the roundabout was part of this and Mr. Johnson said it was part of the special permit. Vice Chairman Osgood asked the cost of the roundabout. Mr. Johnson said that their estimates are in the \$1.2 to \$1.3 Million. Mrs. Keefe reiterated the desire to get numbers for raised crosswalk and flashing lights at the roundabout at Hebron and New London Turnpike to be incorporated into the design.

**Motion By:** Mr. Cavanaugh

**Seconded By:**

Mr. Gullotta

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby authorizes the Town Manager to execute the Development Agreement between the Town of Glastonbury and Glastonbury

Developers \$275,000 contribution to the Town for intersection improvements at Hebron Avenue and House Street, as described in a report by the Town Manager dated October 23, 2015.

**Result:** Motion passes unanimously {9-0-0}.

**(b) Action on \$10,000 transfer from Contingency – Dial-A-Ride Vehicle.**

Mr. Johnson briefly reviewed his memo on the topic to the Council dated October 23, 2015, noting that they had not been successful in finding a viable used option but were able to find the opportunity for the purchase of a new vehicle at a reasonable price. He said that currently to pick up anyone with ambulatory issues, the larger vehicle must be dispatched where this purchase will allow the dispatch of a much smaller vehicle.

**Motion By:** Mr. Cavanaugh

**Seconded By:**

Mr. Gullotta

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby approves a \$10,000 transfer from Contingency to Human Services-Capital Outlay for purchase of a new 5-passenger vehicle for the Town's Dial-A-Ride Program as described in a report by the Town Manager dated October 23, 2015 and as recommended by the Board of Finance.

**Result:** Motion passes unanimously {9-0-0}.

**6. Consent Calendar.**

**(a) Action on FY 2016-2018 Preventive Health and Human Service Block Grant - \$23,565.**

**Motion By:** Mr. Cavanaugh

**Seconded By:**

Mr. Gullotta

BE IT RESOLVED that Richard J. Johnson, Town Manager, is authorized to make, execute, and approve on behalf of the Town of Glastonbury, any and all contracts or amendments thereof with the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health.

**Result:** Motion passes unanimously {9-0-0}.

**7. Town Manager's Report.**

Mr. Johnson reviewed his reports to the Council dated October 23, 2015, and October 27, 2015. He explained that they have maintained pollution liability insurance at the riverfront for 12 years but suggested they could cancel or reduce the coverage for savings. Mr. Gullotta noted a nearby parcel for sale and suggested they continue it at a lesser rate. Mr. Byar agreed. Mr. Finn asked about the data collected from the monitoring wells. Mr. Johnson said that the wells were removed but there is still a collection system that is periodically pumped. He said that they pay \$17,000 for \$5 Million coverage and a \$100,000 deductible. Ms. Boisvert indicated she agreed. Vice Chairman Osgood felt they didn't need the coverage as they could pay for water connection within the deductible. Chairman Beckett asked if their legal people gave any guidance but Mr. Johnson said that this was a business decision. Chairman Beckett expressed support for

eliminating the coverage. Vice Chairman Osgood suggested this be addressed by the new council.

Mr. Cavanaugh asked if there was enforcement on Tryon. Mr. Johnsons said yes and it would continue. Mr. Cavanaugh asked for the data on the enforcement actions. Vice Chairman Osgood praised the acquisition of the home on New London Turnpike and asked for data on potential renovations and the market for lease. Mr. Johnson said that his recollection was that it was in the ballpark of \$50,000 for 1,000 square foot home. Mrs. Keefe asked for info on the last time Tryon was evaluated for surfacing. Chairman Beckett asked about traffic calming for all their trouble spots in town. Mr. Johnson said that they could discuss it during the budget as there are multiple techniques that they could employ over time. Mr. Johnson noted the draft letter to the Governor. Mr. Finn praised the letter and asked about the boathouse. Mr. Johnson said that there were a couple people that suggested improving the acoustics but overall, high praise. A consensus was expressed favoring sending the letter to the Governor as presented with 1000 feet as the notice distance.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ACTION ON PUBLIC HEARINGS – 8:00 P.M.**

### **NO. 1 PURCHASE OF THE 24.5± ACRE SOMERS PROPERTY OFF THOMPSON STREET, AND A \$400,000 APPROPRIATION FOR THE PROPOSED ACQUISITION**

Mr. Johnson briefly reviewed his memo on the topic to the Council dated October 23, 2015, and the map of the property noting that about 1 acre would be carved out and retained by the owner pending well and septic location. He also said that this is not a large tax generator, approximately \$80, and they would finish their testing the first week in December with an anticipated closing of December 18, 2015.

***Mr. Gerhard Schade of 887 Goodale Hill Road*** put up a map to show this property in the context of other preserved lands. He went into great detail speaking to the acquisitions in the area from the first one made in 1903. He praised Mr. Johnson and Mr. John Rook for their tireless efforts in acquiring and preserving land in town. He said it made sense in 1903 and even more sense today and he urged that this move forward.

Mr. Gullotta stated his brother lives across the street and asked his peers if they felt he had a conflict. A consensus was reached that Mr. Gullotta did not have a conflict. Mr. Cavanaugh asked the total acres preserved. Mr. Johnson thought it was about 1600-1700 acres. Vice Chairman Osgood thanked Gerhard and Duffy Schade for speaking for many in town. He expressed support saying that this is part of a large corridor which is important. Chairman Beckett also thanked the Schade's saying that they made an important difference through their lobbying. Hearing no further comment, he continued the hearing to the next meeting.

8. **Committee Reports.**
  - (a) **Chairman's Report.**
  - (b) **Policy & Ordinance Review Committee.**
    - **Blight Ordinance.**

Ms. Boisvert said that they have created an ordinance to protect public health and feel it is ready to move forward. Mrs. Keefe added that it has had numerous revisions and they have had meetings to hear from residents and the town attorney. Chairman Beckett confirmed with Mr. Johnson that they would hold a hearing in order to enact the ordinance.

9. **Communications.**

- (a) **Letter from CT Siting Council re modifications to existing facility at 58A Montano Road.**

10. **Minutes**

- (a) **Minutes of October 13, 2015 Council Regular Meeting.**

**Motion By:** Mr. Cavanaugh **Seconded By:** Mr. Gullotta  
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby approves the minutes as submitted for the regular meeting held October 13, 2015.

**Result:** Motion passes unanimously {8-0-1}.

**For:** Chairman Beckett, Vice Chairman Osgood, Mrs. Barry, Ms. Boisvert, Mr. Byar, Mr. Cavanaugh, Mr. Finn and Mrs. Keefe

**Against:** None

**Abstain:** Mr. Gullotta {excused}

11. **Appointments and Resignations.** **None.**

12. **Executive Session.**

- (a) **Pending litigation – LAC Group v. Town of Glastonbury.**
  - (b) **Potential property acquisition.**
  - (c) **Strategy concerning pending litigation – Water Rates.**

**Motion By:** Mr. Cavanaugh **Seconded By:** Mr. Gullotta  
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby enters executive session at 8:28 pm for the purposes of discussing Pending litigation – LAC Group v. Town of Glastonbury, potential property acquisition and pending litigation – Water Rates.

**Result:** Motion passes unanimously {9-0-0}.

